

PARSONS BEATS ODELL'S MEN

Plan to Put Off Election to
Jan. 4 Defeated.

MIDNIGHT RECESS TAKEN.

Vote Was 322 to 288 on the First
Test of Strength.

Result Taken on an Individual Roll-call of the County Committee, Heated With a Tremendous Demonstration by the Parsons Men. The Vote Was to Substitute the Recess for Adjournment and Both Sides Were Called on to Be Prepared to Stay All Night. Adjournment to Wednesday Next Proposed to Await Decision on a So-called Contest Fight Was Still on Over That at 1:15 A. M.

Herbert Parsons and his allies beat the Odell men in the Republican County Committee last night by a vote of 322 to 288, which defeated a motion to adjourn the annual election until January 4.

The vote was taken on an individual roll call and was not over until midnight. Then the committee took a recess for thirty minutes and prepared to sit all night if need be.

Until nearly midnight the Odellites fought to have the meeting adjourned. Expecting defeat if a vote was taken last night, they struggled for an adjournment for two weeks. The motive was the anticipation that Odell came out with any sort of credit in the fight for the Speakership it would strengthen him in his effort to retain control of the county organization.

Mr. Parsons and his friends knew all about this motive and were determined that nothing should prevent an immediate beginning of work to reorganize the county Republican body.

Earlier in the day Mr. Parsons sent out a call for the district leaders to meet him at the Gilsey House. The call was not sent out until late on Wednesday night, and as was learned yesterday afternoon, several of the leaders did not get their calls. In consequence only about a dozen of them attended the conference asked for by Mr. Parsons. Apparently encouraged by the reports which came to them of the small response made to Mr. Parsons' call, the Odell men at the usual meeting of the executive committee, which always precedes in the afternoon the meeting of the county committee, started their plot to hold off the election of Mr. Parsons.

Soon after the executive committee was called to order at the Fifth Avenue Hotel an Odell follower moved that a recommendation should be submitted to the meeting at night for the adjournment until January 4. This was opposed by many of Mr. Parsons' friends, among them being Lemuel Elting, who was present as the representative of the Sixth, Harcourt of the Seventh, Windolph of the Eleventh, Newstead of the Twelfth, Pegman of the Fourteenth, Keen of the Sixteenth, Lexow of the Twentieth, McKee of the Twenty-third, Pine of the Twenty-fourth, Alexander of the Twenty-sixth, Strasbourger of the Thirty-first, Newman of the Thirty-second, Ten Eyck of the Thirty-fourth, Healy of the Thirty-fifth and Germain of the Ninety.

The fifteen who stood by Mr. Parsons were Mr. Parsons himself, Neal of the Twentieth, Gruber of the Twenty-first, Gumbel of the Twenty-eighth, Shen of the Twentieth, Raymond of the Thirty-third, Wilson of the Twenty-seventh, Henkel of the Eighteenth, Joyshoff of the Thirtieth, Van der Grint of the Fifth, Guig, representing the Nineteenth, Page of the Seventeenth, Merwin of the First, Edman of the Tenth, and Wamaker of the Fifteenth.

After this vote the executive committee took a recess. It was thought by the Odellites that the vote against Mr. Parsons would influence him to agree to the invitation which had been made to him on the previous day by Mr. Odell and William Gilman for a compromise. It is understood that during the recess Mr. Parsons was told that he would consent to have a compromise candidate for vice-president of the county committee and a compromise for candidate secretary no further effort would be made to carry out the executive committee's recommendation for an adjournment. Mr. Parsons refused to listen to the advances, and the fight was on.

The Parsons men had prepared a ticket headed, of course, by Parsons for chairman and otherwise made up as follows:

First Vice-President, Senator Alfred R. Page.

Second Vice-President, Julius G. Kramer of the Fourth district.

Secretary, Thomas H. Whittle of the Thirty-fifth district.

Treasurer, George Blagden of the banking firm of Clarence Dodge & Co.

It was after 9 o'clock when the county committee was called together last night by William Halpin, the retiring chairman. Senator Nathaniel A. Elsborg was nominated for temporary chairman. His nomination had been agreed upon at the meeting of the executive committee, although the Odell men wanted Edward Lauterbach. Mr. Parsons named Senator Elsborg, and he was seconded by Clarence K. Lexow.

Mr. Parsons apparently expected that the fight against him would begin on the

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"YOU'RE GAME," SAID ROOSEVELT

To a Good Postmaster Whom He Refused to Reappoint.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Roosevelt has been brought face to face with his recent order that Presidential postmasters who had made good officers would be reappointed regardless of the recommendations of Senators or Representatives.

Representative Charles R. Landis of Indiana had a call this week from J. A. V. M., postmaster at Kokomo, whose first term is expiring, and for whose successor representative Landis had recommended E. A. Simmons, the Republican chairman in that county. Mr. Kautz was unwilling to concede representative Landis's right to recommend his successor, in view of the President's order. Mr. Landis took the Kokomo postmaster to the President and introduced him and commended his administration, admitting his own embarrassment in the premises.

The President said frankly that he would appoint the man recommended by Mr. Landis.

"Under the circumstances, then, I acquiesce," said postmaster Kautz. "I wanted to understand the scope of the recent order."

Mr. Kautz admitted that he was in good humor and that the President then and there conferred upon him the degree of "Good Fellow." The President is reported to have said to Mr. Kautz that he was "game," that he liked him for it and he ought to have an office.

"Yes, the President said I was 'game,'" said the Kokomo man, "but I didn't get to hold on, did I?"

RAILWAYS TO STOP REBATES.

Attorneys Advise That to Continue Fighting the Government Means Disaster.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—American railway interests are to cooperate with the Government in enforcement of laws against rebates. This was made known and confirmed in Chicago to-day where was completed three weeks ago the protocol for peace between the Government and the railways.

By January 1, it is said, the first orders looking to putting the new policy into operation will go forth from New York.

This is the programme declared to have been adopted by the roads on advice of a majority of twenty of the best known railroad attorneys for the country.

No renewals of contracts or secret rebate agreements with shippers.

No extension of private car line influence.

Concerted effort to curb industrial railroads which by demanding inequitable division of freights, have wrong rebates from the big roads for manufacturing concerns.

The reforms came on the advice of railway lawyers that to continue fighting the Government meant to invite disaster.

ALARM NEAR ST. REGIS.

Great Block of Fire Engines on Fifth Av.—Fire Was in House of J. W. Curtis.

A fire alarm sent in from the box at Fifty-fifth street and Fifth avenue, near the St. Regis and Gotham hotels, caused Fifth avenue to be blocked with fire engines and trucks early last evening. The firemen found the blaze in neither of the hotels, but in the residence of Jeremiah W. Curtis, at East Fifty-third street.

Miss Estelle Thomas, a member of the family, was dressing for dinner when the fire started in her room on the third floor. She noticed a curtain ablaze, probably from contact with a gas jet, and pulled it down. But the fire had spread to other materials and soon enveloped the room.

The firemen turned on four streams of water simultaneously and put out the blaze so effectively that damage from water estimated by Mr. Curtis at \$5,000 was wrought into the contents of the house.

NO UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

Car Refuses to Grant It in Spite of Vote of Final Council.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—In a despatch dated December 21, the Petersburg correspondence of the *Telegraph* says the czar definitely refused to grant universal suffrage. The decision, he adds, will cause an immeasurably greater commotion throughout the length and breadth of Russia than the wildest resolutions of the leagues, and will surely raise more thorny problems than the present government can solve.

After weeks of debates, to which the great statesmen were invited, and at which some astonishing conversions to universal suffrage were made, the final council assembled at Tsarskoe-Selo on Wednesday morning. All the members of the cabinet were present. Count Witte was among the chief speakers.

A majority of the council voted unanimously for universal suffrage, although some members of the majority admitted that the experiment would be fraught with dangers. All of them considered that the country demanded the concession and that it would be very unwise to refuse it.

After attentively listening to the arguments on both sides, the czar deliberately, firmly and decisively refused to grant it. The correspondent doesn't state the reasons for the refusal.

YELLOW FEVER IN HAVANA.

\$200,000 to Be Spent in Exterminating Mosquito That Conveys It.

HAVANA, Dec. 21.—Two new cases of yellow fever were reported here yesterday and one at Alcañices. President Palma has sent a message to Congress asking for a credit of \$200,000 to fight yellow fever, as the present appropriation will be expended by December 24. A bill has been presented appropriating \$200,000 to be expended in exterminating the steegomyia, the mosquito which conveys yellow fever.

MARQUIS ITO INSTALLED.

With Court Ceremonies as Resident-General at Seoul.

From THE SUN Correspondent at Tokio. TOKIO, Dec. 21.—There were court ceremonies this noon in connection with the installation of Marquis Ito as Resident-General at Seoul. Field Marshal Marquis Yanagata will succeed Marquis Ito as President of the Privy Council.

M. Saionji, leader of the Constitutional party, is already engaged, with the assistance of the Elder Statesmen, in organizing a Ministry to succeed the present Cabinet of Count Katsura. It is apparent that the Progressives are to go out of office.

The West Shore Railroad is the \$500,000 to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. Up the Hudson and through the Mohawk Valley.—Ad.

JURY TRIES THE COMPLAINANT

AND ACQUITS THE DEFENDANT IF SHE DID SHOOT HIM.

Then the Court Awards Her \$41.55 and Pays It Out of the General Pocket—Her Grief Over Her Dead Baby, Whom Her Husband Took Not to Support.

There was an unusual demonstration in Judge Rosalsky's court in General Sessions yesterday when a jury, without leaving their seats, acquitted Elizabeth Wilson, who had shot her husband, Edward R. Wilson, a printer. She did not kill him. The jury decided that ill treatment had made her desperate and hysterical. As the husband laid the courtroom he was hissed, a juror having recommended that he should be kept in jail for life. Judge, jurors, lawyers and spectators took up a collection to go to the woman enough money to keep her comfortable over the holidays.

The prisoner was a stenographer when she married Wilson, who was employed by bookbinders at 122 Centre street. After her baby was born she had her husband arrested twice for non-support. The child died last summer. He had promised to pay her four dollars a week. One morning soon after the baby's death she met him going to work, and asked him for some money. He told her he had none for her. She pulled out a pistol and shot him.

Policeman William Howe told on the stand that when she was arrested she cried for her dead baby. "Come along with me and I'll get you a baby," said the policeman. "But they won't bring my baby back," she insisted. "They took my baby away and they won't bring it back," she said. She took the body to Trinity Church yard and thought the baby was buried there.

Marian M. Holmes of 213 East Sixty-second street, with whom Mrs. Wilson lived after her marriage, testified that Mrs. Wilson was madly in love with her husband, and that all she asked was that he would give her a home—just a room—where she could live like other women. Once when Mrs. Wilson had been despondent from her room, she had laid out on a chair all night, and had to take off her own clothes to keep the baby warm. The baby died soon after, killed by exposure, Mrs. Wilson believed. She went to one of her husband's brothers to get five cents for milk for the baby, and he told her that if she was looking for charity she was in the wrong place.

After the baby's death Mrs. Holmes said, Mrs. Wilson sat in her room for hours with the baby's picture in front of her. She would write the name "Wilson" on strips of paper, and then burn them.

Three doctors testified that what the woman had gone through had unbalanced her mind. And then came her husband, the complainant, who stood on him at once. He didn't know when the baby was born, and he didn't know whether it was living or dead. He was sore on the baby and sore on his wife. All this was said with a surly air.

"That's the prosecution's case," said Assistant District Attorney Train.

Judge Rosalsky made a formal charge. The foreman nodded to each of the other eleven jurors. They nodded back. "Not guilty," said the foreman.

"We would like to put this husband in jail, where this woman has been, for the rest of his life," said Juror 3.

Clerk Brophy, white haired and white bearded, was standing at the lawyers' table.

"I would like to make a motion," he said. "If your Honor thinks it's proper I would like permission to take up a collection to get enough money so that this woman will not want over the Christmas holidays."

"Motion granted," said Judge Rosalsky. "Three hats moved around the courtroom at once," Judge Rosalsky put in \$10. Assistant District Attorney Train and Appleton contributed. The foreman passed his hat among the other jurors. One of the doctors who had testified went among the spectators. In all they got \$41.55.

"I think your Honor should bring the complainant back and let him see this exhibition," said Mr. Train.

There was a long, powerful hiss from the back of the courtroom. Wilson had just walked out. Mrs. Wilson had fainted in the arms of Mrs. Greene, probation officer.

TOPICS, FADS AND JOHN DOE.

Jerome Puts in a Day With Mann, Irving and Others.

District Attorney Jerome spent a good part of yesterday in talking with William D. Mann of *Town Topics*, Robert A. Irving, editor of the *New Yorker*, Robert J. Collier and James A. Burden, Jr. of *Irving's*.

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BET SUGAR MEN'S PLANS UNSET.

Will Get No Democratic Support Against the Philippine Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The plan of the best sugar "insurgents" of the House to frustrate the passage of the Philippine tariff bill because of the reduction in duty on Philippine sugar was upset to-day by a decision reached by the House leaders. The "insurgents" had hoped for the support of the solid Democratic minority in opposing a rule which they expected would be reported shutting off all amendments.

To-day it was agreed that no rule would be reported, because of the decision reached by any amendment to the bill affecting the general tariff would not be germane, and under the rules would be subject to a point of order.

This course will leave the Democrats nothing to do but to rid themselves of some of the gain for the measure is up for general debate and the "insurgents" only the opportunity of recording their votes against the bill. At the same time it insures the passage of the bill without serious difficulty just as reported from the committee.

Chinese-Japanese Treaty Signed. From THE SUN Correspondent at Peking. PEKING, Dec. 21.—The Chinese-Japanese treaty was signed between 11 and 12 o'clock this morning.

Electric Lamps, Flashlights, Candles, Xmas Tree Lighting Outfits, Motors.—STANLEY & PATTERSON, 40 Cortlandt St.—Ad.

Redford Sparking Water—"The Village Water." Finest table water known—Retains its life.—Ad.

MCCARREN WON'T BE A SENATOR.

Will Not Stand for Another Nomination—Too Busy as Boss.

State Senator Patrick Henry McCarren, the leader of the Kings county Democracy, has come to the conclusion to withdraw from the State Legislature at the expiration of his present term of office. He referred to the fact at a dinner given in honor of Controller-elect Henry A. Mott at the Lincoln Club on Wednesday night, but the diners believed he was joking. Yesterday he said he meant what he had said.

"I have had this step in mind since my last election," said Senator McCarren yesterday. "At that time I had about decided to retire from the Senate, but circumstances arose which made it advisable for me to run again."

"Now, however, I feel that I should announce definitely my intention to retire. I have not the time to give to both positions. My duties in Brooklyn need my whole attention, and I cannot conveniently spend three months each winter in Albany. So I will not take another nomination and will let the place go to somebody else."

Senator McCarren was elected three times to the Assembly and is now closing his fourth term in the Senate.

SENATOR HOAR'S MONUMENT.

Sentiment He Wrote Inscribed on Base—The Shaft Completed.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 21.—The Troy White Company to-day shipped the monument to be placed over the grave of George Frisbie Hoar in Concord, N. H. The monument plans were drawn by Stephen E. Earle in accordance with the expressed wishes of Senator Hoar.

The inscriptions are in bronze letters, which are set flush with the surface. On the north side the monument bears this inscription, which Senator Hoar himself wrote:

"I have no faith in fatalism, in destiny, in blind forces. I believe in God, the living God. I believe in the American people, a brave and free people, who do not bow the neck or bend the knee to any other, and who desire no other to bow the neck or bend the knee to them. I believe that a republic is greater than an empire. I believe, finally, whatever clouds may darken the horizon that the world is growing better; that to-day is better than yesterday, and that to-morrow will be better than to-day."

NO DISCRETION FOR TOWERMEN.

About Switching Trains, Is the Railroad Commission's Idea.

As a result of its investigation into the collision on the New York Central viaduct at 10th street on Tuesday night, the State Railroad Commission, it is understood, will recommend that the system of allowing towermen to use their discretion in switching trains from one track to another be abandoned, and that the management of trains shall be lodged exclusively with the train despatcher.

The commission found that the signal system of the most modern character and worked perfectly. Its opinion is that Tuesday's accident resulted from a combination of circumstances. One circumstance was that the engineer of the Poughkeepsie train ran by his signal, and the other that the towerman switched the other train ahead of the Poughkeepsie train on his own initiative.

A representative of Manager McCormick said that if the commission recommends the change described it will be made, but expressed the opinion that the towermen were as good assistants as the despatcher could have for that part of his work.

Engineer Horn of the Poughkeepsie train decided to make no statement to the commission.

Assistant District Attorney Cardozo examined several witnesses yesterday in connection with the collision on the viaduct.

PROPHET PUTS CITY IN PANIC.

Department Store Disaster Predicted by Thaumaturgist Hurts Trade.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 21.—A prophecy made six weeks ago by a troupe of thaumaturgists who, under the name of "The Fays," entertained in the Providence Opera House for three nights, has caused incredible restlessness among thousands of Christians in this city.

The prediction was that between December 16 and 24 there would be a boiler explosion in one of the Providence department stores.

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COLE MAKES APPOINTMENTS.

Some Men Who Will Have Much to Learn About Their New Jobs.

Borough President-elect Bird S. Cole of Brooklyn handed out a few Christmas presents in the nature of appointments yesterday. They are as follows: Commissioner of Public Works, Desmond Byrne, \$8,000; Deputy Commissioner of Public Works, George Hermann, \$5,000; Superintendent of Buildings, David F. Moore, \$5,000; Deputy Superintendent of Buildings, Samuel Greenblatt, \$4,000; Superintendent of Sewers, James Dunne, \$5,000; Superintendent of Public Buildings, Joseph Lawrence, \$5,000; Secretary to the Superintendent of Public Buildings, John Anderson, \$2,500; confidential secretary to Borough President, John C. McGroarty, \$1,500.

George Hermann is a dealer in butter and eggs and comes from the Twentieth Assembly district. David F. Moore is at present an inspector in the Bureau of Buildings at \$1,800 a year, and awaits from the Twenty-first Assembly district. Samuel Greenblatt is 25 years old and is a dealer in trimmings in the Fifteenth Assembly district and has never had any experience in the building trade. Mr. Lawrence comes from the Thirtieth Assembly district and is a trimmer in the plumbing business. He lives in the Third Assembly district and was first appointed Under Sheriff by Sheriff-elect Flaherty, has never had any experience in the plumbing business. Mr. Cole, however, failed to appoint some of Mr. Flaherty's friends, and then the latter withdrew Mr. Dunne's name.

Robert Stewart has been appointed caretaker for County Clerk-elect Charles T. Hartzeim. The salary is \$3,500. Mr. Hartzeim will name his other assistants in a few days.

PRESIDENT BUTLER HISSED.

COLUMBIA STUDENTS ANGRY AT STOPPING ATHLETICS.

Mass Meeting Starts a Cry of "We Want Football!" and Gives Free Play to Feelings Toward the Faculty—College Daily Paper Appears in Mourning.

Columbia's students yesterday gave a demonstration of their feeling on the faculty's action against football and intercollegiate athletic competitions. President Butler was hissed and booed by 1,500 men gathered in the university gymnasium for the underclass class press. Besides representatives of all classes, many members of the faculty were present.

Before the press began some one started a cry of "We want football!" This was taken up and repeated in a huge, rolling chorus for more than five minutes. A cheer for "Van Am," as the dean of the college, Prof. Van Amringe, is known, was started. He is the one member of the faculty who is most in sympathy with athletics, and he did his best to save sports for the students at the recent meeting of the university council.

The cheers were given heartily. Then a voice from the gallery proposed cheers for Dr. Butler. At once a perfect uproar of hisses broke forth, and for twice the length of time that the football cry had lasted the president was hissed and booed.

After the press the students filed out on the campus behind the library. At a given signal a group of about thirty started a cry of "To hell with Butler!" This, too, seemed popular and was taken up by many more.

President Butler yesterday appointed two committees of nine men each from the officers of instruction and from the alumni to get to work and carry out his plan of wiping out what he terms objectionable features of sport. The committee from the faculty is composed of Profs. Kemp (chemistry), Kirtland, Lord, Bogert, Wood, Odell, Meylan, Mitchell and Prentiss.

E. S. Bangs, who has taken a prominent part in athletic management, notably rowing, at Columbia, is not an alumni member. This committee is made up of G. T. Kirby, '95 (chairman); Isaac N. Seligman, '76; William T. Lawson, '82; George B. Post, '86; Edwin Gould, '88; Edward V. King, '89; Albert W. Putnam, '97; A. B. A. Bradley, '92; and Robert Le Roy, '95.

In writing to the members of these committees Dr. Butler says: "The action which the university authorities have taken in reference to the present game of football is but the first step in the development of a constructive policy which has for its aim the reformation of abuses which have crept into intercollegiate athletics, and the working out of a plan which will encourage the widest possible participation of the student body in athletic sports, but which will make and keep participation in such sports subordinate to the main purposes for which the university exists, namely, the upbuilding of intelligence and the development of character."

The Columbia student, the college daily, came out yesterday morning with a black border and all the columns divided by heavy black rules. An editorial points out some inconsistencies in Dr. Butler's statement of the council's meeting and is the frankest criticism that a student publication ever has expressed of the president.

Yesterday about noon, when Dr. Butler was supposed to be in his office, overlooking the Hudson River, several students strolled over to the big flagpole in view of his office and hauled down the flag so that it was flying at half mast. They were pursued by a proctor, who tried to get their names to report to the superintendent. Later John May, a strapping six footer, was placed as guard for the pole.

The students will hold a mass meeting this noon in Earl Hall, just before vacation begins, and consider plans to change the faculty rulings. It is understood that many of the men say that they will not return after vacation unless the council and Dr. Butler show more consideration for the student desires.

CANNON'S CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Homespun Cloth From a Constituent to Him Made Into an English Walking Coat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Uncle Joe Cannon expects to appear in the House after the holiday recess in a homespun frock of gray. The Speaker has received several yards of homespun handwoven fabric from a rural constituent of the Danville district, whose wife spun and wove the cloth from wool grown on the backs of her husband's sheep. It is heavy winter goods of the finest texture, and was sent to the Speaker as a Christmas present. Mr. Cannon will have the cloth to a Washington tailor, who has measured him for an English walking coat with long tails and a moderately low cut vest.

DR. BUCKLEY'S POCKET PICKED.

Would Have Preferred to Lose Something Less Tangible Than His Wallet.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Dec. 21.—When the Rev. Dr. James M. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, was asked for his ticket last night on a Lackawanna train, known as the Commuters Club Train, which leaves New York at 4 o'clock, he couldn't find his wallet, containing \$25. The conductor saw him nervously fumbling about his pockets and wearing a troubled look.

"What's the matter, doctor?" said the conductor, smiling, "lost an argument?"

"Worse than that," said Dr. Buckley. "I could overcome that with a story, but I have been taken unawares and relieved of some of my earthly possessions."

Friedrich Schlegel, a German, and he got to Morristown all right. When the robbery was reported to the railroad officials it was learned that several commuters had sustained similar losses of late, and detectives have been put on the important express trains out of Hoboken.

DEWEY'S "BRUT CUVÉE" CHAMPAGNE.

An American Buy for Americans.

H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., New York.

—Ad.

MCCURDY DEEDS PROPERTY.

Wife of Former Insurance President Holds All His Morristown Real Estate.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Dec. 21.—Deeds were placed on record to-day in the Morris County Clerk's office transferring all the real estate in this city and Morris Plains of Richard A. McCurdy to his wife, Sarah E. McCurdy. Although every effort was made by Mr. McCurdy, his attorneys and the county clerk to keep the matter from the newspapers, it became known this noon. Inspection of the deeds was at first denied because of a request from the former Mutual Life president. Written across the face of the instruments was "Not for the newspapers."

The reason for the transfer could not be learned. It is rumored that Mr. McCurdy is much worried. His health is failing and he fears something will happen. No one can see him but his family, and since the signing of the deeds, which occurred on Monday, his son, Robert H. McCurdy, has vacated his Morris Plains residence and gone to New York for the winter. This is thought to be strange, as Mr. McCurdy made a visit to his son's home every day when the weather and his physician permitted.

Mr. McCurdy was possessed of nearly a million dollars worth of property in Morristown and Morris Plains. The McCurdy mansion on